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You are cordially invited to join us at the 2007 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Weatherford International Ltd. to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30th, in Houston, Texas. The Annual General Meeting will be held at The St. Regis Hotel located at 1919 Briar Oaks.

The notice of meeting and proxy statement that follow this letter describe the business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting, including the election of eight directors.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual General Meeting, we strongly encourage you to provide your proxy by telephone, the Internet or on the enclosed proxy card at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. Duroc-Danner  
*Chairman of the Board, President and  
Chief Executive Officer*

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**WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LTD.**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 30, 2007  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. (Houston time)  
**PLACE:** The St. Regis Hotel  
1919 Briar Oaks  
Houston, Texas

**Items of Business:**

1. Elect eight directors to hold office for a one-year term;
2. Appoint Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2007, and authorize the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors to set Ernst & Young's remuneration; and
3. Any other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

**YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE EIGHT NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR AND IN FAVOR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO SET ERNST & YOUNG'S REMUNERATION.**

At the Annual General Meeting, the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2006 and accompanying auditors' report will be presented.

Your Board of Directors has set April 9, 2007, as the record date for the Annual General Meeting. Only those shareholders who are holders of record of our common shares at the close of business on April 9, 2007, will be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

You are cordially invited to join us at the Annual General Meeting. However, to ensure your representation at the Annual General Meeting, we request that you provide your proxy by telephone, the Internet or by signing and returning your proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope at your earliest convenience, whether or not you plan to attend. If you are present at the Annual General Meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote in person.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Burt M. Martin  
*Secretary*

Houston, Texas  
April 26, 2007

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**WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LTD.**

**PROXY STATEMENT**

**Annual Meeting:**      Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2007

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You may not revoke a proxy simply by attending the Annual General Meeting. To revoke a proxy, you must take one of the actions described above.

**Quorum:**

As of April 9, 2007, there were 361,885,950 common shares issued and entitled to vote, including 24,769,374 shares held by subsidiaries of the Company. Although shares held by our subsidiaries may be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present, we abstain from voting these shares. The presence of two or more persons in person at the start of the meeting and representing in person or by proxy in excess of 50% of the total issued voting shares throughout the meeting will form a quorum. If you have properly given a proxy by mail, Internet or telephone, your shares will count toward the quorum, and the persons named on the proxy card will vote your shares as you have instructed.

Pursuant to Bermuda law, (i) common shares represented at the Annual General Meeting whose votes are withheld on any matter, (ii) common shares that are represented by broker non-votes (*i.e.*, common shares held by brokers that are represented at the Annual General Meeting but with respect to which the broker is not empowered to vote on a particular proposal) and (iii) common shares that abstain from voting on any matter are not included in the determination of the common shares voting on a matter but are counted for quorum purposes.

If you are a beneficial shareholder and your broker holds your shares in its name, the broker is permitted to vote your shares in the election of directors and the approval of our auditor and the authorization of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors to set the auditor's remuneration, even if the broker does not receive voting instructions from you.

**Multiple Proxy Cards:** If you receive multiple proxy cards, this indicates that your shares are held in more than one account, such as two brokerage accounts, and are registered in different names. You should complete and return each of the proxy cards to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

**Cost of Proxy Solicitation:**

Some of our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies personally, without any additional compensation, by telephone or mail. Proxy materials also will be furnished without cost to brokers and other nominees to forward to the beneficial owners of shares held in their names. All costs of proxy solicitation will be borne by the Company.

**Questions:**

You may call our Investor Relations Department at (713) 693-4000 or email us at [investor.relations@weatherford.com](mailto:investor.relations@weatherford.com) if you have any questions.

**PLEASE VOTE YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT**



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Eight directors are to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Each director elected will hold office until the 2008 Annual General Meeting or until his earlier retirement or resignation. All of the nominees for director have served as directors since the 2006 Annual General Meeting. The nominees for election as director are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Director Since</b>
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner	53	1988
Nicholas F. Brady	77	2004
David J. Butters	66	1984
Sheldon B. Lubar	77	1995
William E. Macaulay	61	1998
Robert B. Millard	56	1989
Robert K. Moses, Jr.	67	1998
Robert A. Rayne	58	1987

If you properly give a proxy but do not indicate how you wish to vote, the persons named on the proxy card will vote for each of the listed nominees for director. The nominees receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual General Meeting will be elected as directors. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be treated as a vote for or against any particular nominee.

All of our nominees have consented to serve as directors. Our Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any of the nominees will be unable to act as a director. However, if any director is unable to stand for re-election, the Board will designate a substitute. If a substitute nominee is named, the persons named on the proxy card will vote for the election of the substitute nominee.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE **FOR** THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE EIGHT NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR.

**Director Biographies**

**Bernard J. Duroc-Danner** joined the Company in May 1987 to initiate the start-up of EVI, Inc.'s oilfield service and equipment business. He was elected EVI's President in January 1990 and Chief Executive Officer in May 1990. Subsequent to the merger of EVI, Inc. with Weatherford Enterra, Inc. on May 27, 1998, Mr. Duroc-Danner was elected as our Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Duroc-Danner holds a Ph.D. in economics from Wharton (University of Pennsylvania). In prior years, Mr. Duroc-Danner held positions at Arthur D. Little and Mobil Oil Inc. Mr. Duroc-Danner is a director of Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. (a company engaged in subsea services in the Gulf of Mexico, as well as exploration and production activities), Dresser, Inc. (a provider of engineered equipment and services primarily for the energy industry) and LMS Capital plc (an investment company). Mr. Duroc-Danner also serves on the National Petroleum Council.

**Nicholas F. Brady** has been the Chairman of Darby Overseas Investments, Ltd. and Darby Technology Ventures Group, LLC, investment firms, since 1994. Mr. Brady is Chairman of Franklin Templeton Investment Funds (an international investment management company), a director of Hess Corporation (an exploration and production

company) and Templeton Capital Advisors Ltd. (investment management companies), and director or trustee, as the case may be, of a number of investment companies in the Franklin Templeton Group of Funds. Mr. Brady is a former Secretary of the United States Department of the Treasury (1988-1993), a former Chairman of the Board of Dillon Read & Co. Inc. (investment banking) (1970-1988) and a former Chairman of Purolator, Inc. (filtration products) (1971-1987). Mr. Brady also represented the state of New Jersey as a member of the United States Senate (1982).

**David J. Butters** is a Managing Director of Lehman Brothers Inc., an investment banking company, where he has been employed for more than the past five years. Mr. Butters is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of GulfMark Offshore, Inc. (a provider of marine support and transportation services to companies involved in the

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exploration and production of oil and natural gas), a director of ACOL Tankers Ltd. (an oil tanker company) and a director of Grant Prideco, Inc. (a provider of drill pipe and other drill stem products). Mr. Butters is Deputy Chairman and Presiding Director of the Company's Board.

**Sheldon B. Lubar** has been the Chairman of Lubar & Co., a private investment and management company, for more than the past five years. Mr. Lubar is a director of Crosstex Energy, L.P. and Crosstex Energy, Inc. (gas gathering and processing companies), Star Gas Partners, L.P. (a home heating oil distributor and service provider), Grant Prideco and various private companies. Until 2005, he was Chairman of Total Logistics, Inc.

**William E. Macaulay** is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of First Reserve Corporation, a Connecticut-based private equity investment firm, which he joined in 1983. Mr. Macaulay served as a director of Weatherford Enterra from October 1995 to May 1998. He serves as a director of Dresser-Rand Group, Inc. (a supplier of compression and turbine equipment to the oil, gas, petrochemical and industrial process industries).

**Robert B. Millard** is a Managing Director of Lehman Brothers Inc., where he has been employed for more than the past five years. Mr. Millard is also a director of GulfMark Offshore, Inc. and Non-Executive Chairman of L-3 Communications Corporation (a manufacturer of electronic communications equipment principally for the defense industry).

**Robert K. Moses, Jr.** has been a private investor, principally in the oil and gas exploration and oilfield services business in Houston, Texas, for more than the past five years. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Weatherford Enterra from May 1989 to December 1992 and as a director of Weatherford Enterra from December 1992 to May 1998. Mr. Moses is also a director of Grant Prideco.

**Robert A. Rayne** has been the Chief Executive Officer and a director of LMS Capital plc, an investment company listed on the AIM exchange, since June 2006, when the investment business of London Merchant Securities plc was demerged and LMS Capital was formed to hold this business. Mr. Rayne was employed by London Merchant Securities from 1968 to June 2006 and served as its Chief Executive Director from May 2001 to June 2006. Mr. Rayne is also the Non-Executive Chairman of Derwent London plc, a Central London specialist property company into which London Merchant Securities was merged in February 2007.

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**Committees and Meetings of The Board**

**Committees**

The Board of Directors has created the following committees:

Audit

Compensation

Corporate Governance and Nominating

**Number of Meetings**

During 2006, the Board of Directors met four times, the Audit Committee met ten times, the Compensation Committee met one time, and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee met two times. All of the directors attended at least 75% of all Board of Directors and respective committee meetings.

**Audit Committee**

Messrs. Butters, Lubar (Chair) and Rayne are the current members of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has been established in accordance with section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee. The charter is available on our website at [www.weatherford.com](http://www.weatherford.com), by clicking on About Weatherford, then Corporate Governance, then Committee Charters. We will provide a copy of the charter without charge to any shareholder upon request. The primary functions of the Audit Committee are:

overseeing the integrity of our financial statements;

overseeing our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;

overseeing our independent auditors, including their qualifications, independence and performance, and setting the remuneration of the independent auditors; and

overseeing our internal auditors.

All members of the Audit Committee are independent as defined by the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Board of Directors has determined that Messrs. Butters and Rayne are audit committee financial experts as defined by applicable SEC rules because of their extensive financial experience. For more information regarding Messrs. Butters and Rayne's experience, please see their biographies on pages 3 and 4 of this proxy statement.

**Compensation Committee**

The current members of the Compensation Committee are Messrs. Brady, Millard (Chair) and Moses. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Compensation Committee. The charter is available on our website at [www.weatherford.com](http://www.weatherford.com), by clicking on About Weatherford, then Corporate Governance, then Committee Charters. We will provide a copy of the charter without charge to any shareholder upon request. The primary functions of the Compensation Committee are:

evaluating the performance and, together with the other members of the Board who are independent as defined by the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, determining and approving the compensation of our chief executive officer;

making recommendations to the Board regarding executive compensation, incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans; and

administering or having administered our incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans for executive officers and employees.

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All members of the Compensation Committee are independent as defined by the rules of the New York Stock Exchange.

### **Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee**

Messrs. Butters (Chair), Lubar and Macaulay are the current members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. The charter is available on our website at [www.weatherford.com](http://www.weatherford.com), by clicking on About Weatherford, then Corporate Governance, then Committee Charters. We will provide a copy of the charter without charge to any shareholder upon request. The primary functions of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee are:

- identifying individuals qualified to serve as Board members;
- recommending to the Board the director nominees for the next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders;
- developing and recommending to the Board the Corporate Governance Guidelines for the Company;
- overseeing the Board in its annual review of the Board's and management's performance; and
- recommending to the Board director nominees for each committee.

All members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee are independent as defined by the rules of the New York Stock Exchange.

### **Board Compensation**

We use a combination of cash and share-based incentive compensation to attract and retain qualified candidates to serve on the Board. In setting director compensation, we consider the significant amount of time that directors expend in fulfilling their duties to the Company, as well as the level of knowledge and experience that we require of members of our Board.

### **Directors' Fees**

The directors who are not employees of the Company are paid the following fees:

- \$5,000 for each Board meeting attended;
- \$2,000 for each Committee meeting attended;
- \$60,000 as an annual retainer;
- \$10,000 as an annual retainer for each Committee chair (other than the Audit Committee chair) and the lead director;
- \$20,000 as an additional annual retainer for the Audit Committee chair; and
- \$10,000 as an additional annual retainer for each Audit Committee member.

Annual retainers are paid quarterly. No changes were made in 2006 to the fees paid to directors. We do not compensate our employee director for his service on the Board.

**Restricted Share Awards**

On October 2, 2006, we granted to each of the non-employee directors a restricted share award of 5,000 common shares pursuant to our 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The awards vest in three equal annual installments, beginning on October 2, 2007, subject to earlier vesting in the event of the death or disability of the director or a change of control of the Company.

**Table of Contents****Director Deferred Compensation Plan**

Under our Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan, each non-employee director may elect to defer up to 7.5% of any fees paid by us. The deferred fees are converted on a monthly basis into non-monetary units representing common shares that could have been purchased with the deferred fees based on the average of the high and low price of the common shares on the last day of the month in which the fees were deferred. If a non-employee director elects to defer at least 5% of his fees, we will make an additional contribution to the director's account equal to (1) 7.5% of the director's fees plus (2) the amount of fees deferred by the director. Our directors may generally determine when distributions will be made from the plan. The amount of the distribution will be a number of common shares equal to the number of units in the director's account at the time of the distribution.

All of our non-employee directors have elected to defer 7.5% of the fees paid by us and to have distributions begin upon their cessation of service with the Board. As of December 31, 2006, Messrs. Brady, Butters, Lubar, Macaulay, Millard, Moses and Rayne had 2,004, 29,804, 7,499, 4,461, 3,440, 4,639 and 9,566 units allocated to their respective accounts, including units purchased with their own deferrals. Based on the closing market price of our common shares on December 29, 2006 (\$41.79), the value of the units in each of Messrs. Brady's, Butters', Lubar's, Macaulay's, Millard's, Moses' and Rayne's accounts as of December 31, 2006 was \$83,747, \$1,245,509, \$313,383, \$186,425, \$143,758, \$193,864 and \$399,763, respectively.

**Retirement Plan**

The Company maintains the Weatherford International Incorporated Non-Employee Director Retirement Plan for former eligible directors of Weatherford Enterra. Under this plan, former non-employee directors of Weatherford Enterra with at least five years of service as a director are entitled to receive an annual benefit amount equal to 50% of the annual cash retainer fee in effect at the time of retirement, with benefits increased by 10% (up to 100%) for each additional full year of service in excess of five years. The benefits are payable monthly for the lesser of the number of months that the director served on the Board or ten years. If the director dies while serving on the Board or after his retirement from the Board, benefits are paid to his beneficiaries. After the merger of EVI, Inc. and Weatherford Enterra in June 1998, we discontinued this plan. Mr. Moses is the only current director who was fully vested and eligible to participate in this plan at the time of the plan's discontinuance. Mr. Moses had over 10 years of credited service on the Board of Weatherford Enterra at the time the plan was discontinued, and his annual benefit amount upon his retirement will be \$20,000. Benefits will be payable for ten years.

**Summary of Board Compensation for 2006**

The following table sets forth the compensation paid to each of our non-employee directors for the year ended December 31, 2006. Mr. Duroc-Danner was an executive officer and director in 2006. As such, information about his compensation is listed in the Summary Compensation Table in this proxy statement.

**Director Compensation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)(1)</b>	<b>Share Awards (\$)(2)(3)</b>	<b>Option Awards (\$)(2)(3)</b>	<b>All Other Compensation (\$)(4)</b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
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Nicholas F. Brady	82,000	198,935	12,300	293,235
David J. Butters	138,000	134,185	20,700	292,885
Sheldon B. Lubar	124,000	134,185	18,600	276,785
William E. Macaulay	84,000	134,185	12,600	230,785
Robert B. Millard	92,000	134,185	13,800	239,985
Robert K. Moses, Jr.	82,000	134,185	12,300	228,485
Robert A. Rayne	110,000	134,185	16,500	260,685

(1) Includes fees deferred pursuant to our Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan, described above under Director Deferred Compensation Plan. In 2006, Messrs. Brady, Butters, Lubar, Macaulay, Millard,

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Moses and Rayne deferred \$6,150, \$10,350, \$9,300, \$6,300, \$6,900, \$6,150 and \$8,250 in fees, respectively, which represented 139, 235, 211, 143, 156, 139 and 187 units allocated to their respective accounts.

- (2) Restricted share grants of 5,000 shares were awarded to each of our non-employee directors on October 2, 2006 pursuant to our 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan. For more information, see *Restricted Share Awards* above. The grant date fair value of each of the awards, as determined pursuant to Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ( FAS 123(R) ), was \$40.90. The value shown in the table is what is included in our financial statements pursuant to FAS 123(R) and includes amounts from awards granted prior to 2006. Awards of restricted shares granted prior to 2006 for which amounts are included in the table are 6,000 shares granted to each director on September 8, 2004, which vest over three years and have a per share fair value of \$23.65, and 6,000 shares granted to each director on September 29, 2005, which vest over three years and have a per share fair value of \$34.945. Assumptions used in the calculation of this amount are included in footnote 15 to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. No options were granted in 2006, and all previously granted options were fully vested as of January 1, 2006. As a result, there was no expense included in our financial statements pursuant to FAS 123(R) for options in 2006.
- (3) As of December 31, 2006, aggregate outstanding restricted share and option awards for each non-employee director were as follows:

Name	Aggregate Number of Restricted Shares	Aggregate Number of Shares Underlying Options
Nicholas F. Brady	21,000(a)	0
David J. Butters	11,000	171,200
Sheldon B. Lubar	11,000	427,264
William E. Macaulay	11,000	447,264
Robert B. Millard	11,000	447,264(b)
Robert K. Moses, Jr.	11,000	0
Robert A. Rayne	11,000	240,000

(a) 10,000 shares vested on January 16, 2007.

(b) Options with respect to 327,264 of such shares had been transferred to a family trust as of December 31, 2006.

- (4) Represents amounts contributed by us to each director's account under our Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan, described above under *Director Deferred Compensation Plan*. Our 2006 contributions to the accounts of Messrs. Brady, Butters, Lubar, Macaulay, Millard, Moses and Rayne represented 279, 470, 421, 286, 312, 279 and 373 units allocated to their respective accounts.

**Corporate Governance Matters**

We are committed to adhering to sound principles of corporate governance. A copy of our Corporate Governance Principles is available on our website at [www.weatherford.com](http://www.weatherford.com), by clicking on *About Weatherford*, then *Corporate*

Governance, then Corporate Governance Policies. We will also provide a copy of our Corporate Governance Principles to any of our shareholders without charge upon written request.

**Director Independence**

The Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that each director and nominee is independent, as defined for purposes of the New York Stock Exchange's listing standards, other than Mr. Duroc-Danner, who is an employee. As contemplated by NYSE rules, the Board has adopted categorical standards to assist it in making

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independence determinations. The Board, however, considers and reviews all relationships with each director in making its independence determinations. A relationship falls within the categorical standards if it:

Is a type of relationship addressed in Section 303A.02(b) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual, but under those rules does not preclude a determination of independence; or

Is in the ordinary course of business and does not exceed 2% of the consolidated gross revenues of the other person for the previous year.

None of the independent directors and nominees had relationships relevant to an independence determination that were outside the scope of the Board's categorical standards. The relationship discussed under Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation in this proxy statement did not exceed these standards and was determined by the Board not to be material.

## **Policies Regarding Related Party Transactions**

Our policies regarding transactions between us or any of our affiliates and our directors, executive officers and other employees are set forth in our Corporate Governance Principles and our Code of Conduct Conflicts of Interest Policy. These documents are available on our website at [www.weatherford.com](http://www.weatherford.com), by clicking on About Weatherford, then Corporate Governance, then Corporate Governance Policies or Code of Conduct, as applicable. If an actual or potential conflict of interest arises for any director, the director is required to notify the Board and is not allowed to participate in any discussions or voting on any transaction in which the actual or potential conflict of interest may arise. The Board of Directors approves any transactions with our Chief Executive Officer, and our Chief Executive Officer approves any transactions with any other officer.

## **Director Nominations**

In obtaining the names of possible nominees, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee makes its own inquiries and will receive suggestions from other directors, management, shareholders and other sources, and its process for evaluating nominees identified in unsolicited recommendations from shareholders is the same as its process for unsolicited recommendations from other sources. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will consider nominees recommended by shareholders who submit their recommendations in writing to Chair, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, care of the Corporate Secretary, Weatherford International Ltd., 515 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77027, USA. Recommendations received before December 1<sup>st</sup> in any year will be considered for inclusion in the slate of director nominees to be presented at the Annual General Meeting in the following year. Unsolicited recommendations must contain the name, address and telephone number of the potential nominee, a statement regarding the potential nominee's background, experience, expertise and qualifications, a signed statement confirming his or her willingness and ability to serve as a director and abide by our corporate governance policies and his or her availability for a personal interview with the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, and evidence that the person making the recommendation is a shareholder of Weatherford.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee believes that nominees should possess the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values and be committed to representing the long-term interests of our shareholders. Directors should have a record of accomplishment in their chosen professional field and demonstrate sound business judgment. Directors must be willing and able to devote sufficient time to carrying out their duties and responsibilities effectively, including attendance at (in person) and participation in all Board and Committee meetings, and should be committed to serve on the Board for an extended period of time.

Shareholders who wish to submit a proposal for inclusion of a nominee for director in our proxy materials must also comply with the deadlines and requirements of Rule 14a-8 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Shareholders who do not comply with Rule 14a-8 but who wish to have a nominee considered by our shareholders at the Annual General Meeting must comply with the deadlines and procedures set forth in our Bye-laws. Please see [Proposals by Shareholders](#) in this proxy statement for more information.

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**Communication with Board Members**

Any shareholder or other interested party that desires to communicate with the Board of Directors or any of its specific members, including the Presiding Director or the non-management directors as a group, should send their communication to the Corporate Secretary, Weatherford International Ltd., 515 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77027, USA. All such communications will be forwarded to the appropriate members of the Board.

**Director Presiding at Executive Sessions**

Executive sessions of non-management directors are held at least twice each year. In 2006, the non-management directors held four executive sessions. Mr. Butters has been appointed as the Presiding Director for these sessions.

**Director Attendance at Annual General Meeting**

All directors are expected to attend the Annual General Meeting. Seven directors attended our 2006 Annual General Meeting.

**Code of Conduct**

We have adopted a Code of Conduct that applies to our directors, officers and employees. We also have adopted a Supplemental Code of Conduct that applies to our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer. These documents are available on our website at [www.weatherford.com](http://www.weatherford.com), by clicking on About Weatherford, then Corporate Governance, then Code of Conduct or Supplemental Code of Conduct, as applicable. We will also provide a copy of these documents to any of our shareholders without charge upon written request. We intend to post amendments to and waivers of our Code of Conduct (to the extent applicable to our President and Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and our Chief Accounting Officer) and to the Supplemental Code of Conduct at this location on our website.

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The Audit Committee to Set the Auditors' Remuneration**

In accordance with Bermuda law and the Company's Bye-laws, our shareholders have the authority to appoint our independent auditors and to authorize the Audit Committee to set the remuneration of the independent auditors. At the Annual General Meeting, our shareholders will be asked to appoint Ernst & Young LLP as Weatherford's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2007, and to authorize the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors to set Ernst & Young's remuneration.

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual General Meeting is required to approve the proposal to appoint Ernst & Young as the Company's independent auditors and to authorize the Audit Committee to set Ernst & Young's remuneration. If you properly give a proxy but do not indicate how you wish to vote, the persons named on the proxy card will vote for the proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as a vote for or against the proposal.

Representatives of Ernst & Young will be present at the Annual General Meeting to respond to any appropriate shareholder questions and will be given an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SET THE AUDITORS' REMUNERATION.**

**Fees Paid to Ernst & Young**

The following table presents fees for professional audit services rendered by Ernst & Young for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and fees billed for other services rendered by Ernst & Young during those periods.

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Audit fees(1)	\$ 6,401,000	\$ 5,063,000
Audit-related fees(2)	101,000	71,000
Tax fees(3)	609,000	124,000
All other fees(4)	53,000	43,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,164,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,301,000</b>

- (1) Audit fees consist of professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements, the audit of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting and the reviews of the quarterly financial statements. This category also includes fees for issuance of comfort letters, consents, assistance with and review of documents filed with the SEC, statutory audit fees, work done by tax professionals in connection with the audit and quarterly reviews and accounting consultations and research work necessary to comply with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Fees are

presented in the period to which they relate versus the period in which they were billed.

- (2) Audit-related fees include consultations concerning financial accounting and reporting matters not required by statute or regulation as well as fees for employee benefit plan audits.
- (3) Tax fees consist of non-U.S. tax compliance, planning and U.S./non-U.S. tax-related consultation.
- (4) Other services performed include certain advisory services and do not include any fees for financial information systems design and implementation.



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**Audit Committee Pre-approval Policy**

The Audit Committee has established a pre-approval policy for all audit services to be provided by an outside audit firm, including the independent auditor, and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent auditor.

There are two types of pre-approval. General pre-approval is based on pre-determined types of services and amounts. Under the policy, pre-approved service categories are provided for up to 12 months and must be detailed as to the particular services provided and sufficiently specific and objective so that no judgments by management are required to determine whether a specific service falls within the scope of what has been pre-approved. The Audit Committee reviews a listing of General services provided on a quarterly basis. Specific pre-approval is required for certain types of services or if a service is expected to exceed the limits set out in the General pre-approval. Specific pre-approval must be obtained through direct communications with the Audit Committee or the Chairman of the Audit Committee, to whom the Audit Committee has delegated pre-approval authority. The Chairman must report any pre-approved decisions to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

Pre-approval is not required for de minimis services that initially were thought to be part of an audit. When an auditor performs a service thought to be part of the audit, which then turns out to be a non-audit service, the pre-approval requirement is waived. However, the Audit Committee must approve the service before the audit is completed. Fees for de minimis services, when aggregated with fees for all such services, cannot exceed five percent of the total fees paid to the accountant during the fiscal year.

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**Audit Committee Report**

April 26, 2007

We have reviewed and discussed with management the Company's audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006.

We have discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, *Communications with Audit Committees*, as amended, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T.

We have received and reviewed the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by Independence Standard No. 1, *Independence Discussions with Audit Committees*, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3600T, and have discussed with the auditors the auditors' independence.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, we recommended to the Board of Directors that the financial statements referred to above be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

David J. Butters  
Sheldon B. Lubar, Chairman  
Robert A. Rayne

**Table of Contents****SHARE OWNERSHIP****Shares Owned by Directors and Executive Officers**

This table shows the number and percentage of common shares beneficially owned by each of our directors, each of the executive officers and former executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table that appears under Executive Compensation in this proxy statement and all of our directors and executive officers and the former executive officers as a group. Share ownership information of our directors and current executive officers is as of April 9, 2007. Share ownership information of our former executive officers is based on information obtained from the most recent publicly available filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission made by or on behalf of those former executive officers and corporate records. Each person has sole voting and investment power for the shares shown below, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Amount and Nature of Shares Beneficially Owned		
	Number of Shares Owned	Right to Acquire(1)	Percent of Outstanding Shares
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner(2)	772,960	935,297	*
Nicholas F. Brady(3)	327,032	2,127	*
David J. Butters(4)	105,494	181,176	*
Sheldon B. Lubar(5)	2,088,612	434,923	*
William E. Macaulay(6)	72,866	431,838	*
Robert B. Millard(7)	339,920	450,839	*
Robert K. Moses, Jr.(8)	444,264	4,762	*
Robert A. Rayne(9)	17,558	249,703	*
Andrew P. Becnel(10)	122,970	296,718	*
E. Lee Colley, III(11)	235,934	620,458	*
Stuart E. Ferguson(12)	83,642	66,930	*
Burt M. Martin(13)	185,301	237,800	*
Lisa W. Rodriguez(14)	114,968	61,356	*
John R. King(15)	70,000	4,302	*
Jon R. Nicholson(16)	69,440	0	*
All directors, officers and former officers as a group (18 persons)	5,292,960	4,230,812	2.8

\* Less than 1%.

- (1) Includes common shares that can be acquired through stock options exercisable through June 10, 2007. Also includes common shares that can be acquired as a result of distributions pursuant to our Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan, our Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Ownership Plan or our Foreign Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Plan, as applicable, based on the number of units allocated to each participant's account as of April 9, 2007. The Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan is described under Director Deferred Compensation Plan in this proxy statement, and the Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Ownership Plan and the Foreign Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Plan are

described under **Deferred Compensation** in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement and under **Nonqualified Deferred Compensation** in this proxy statement.

- (2) Includes 9,504 shares held under our 401(k) Savings Plan, 90,412 shares held by a family limited partnership and 500,712 restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk.
- (3) Includes 11,000 restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk. Mr. Brady is a director and shareholder of Templeton Capital Advisors, as well as a director and investor in the Holowesko Global Fund. Shares of the Company are held by funds managed by Templeton Capital Advisors, including the Holowesko Global Fund. These shares are not included in the table, and Mr. Brady disclaims beneficial ownership of them.

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- (4) Includes 27,544 shares held by Mr. Butters' wife, over which he has no voting or dispositive power and as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership, and 11,000 restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk.
- (5) Includes 2,000,000 shares held by a limited partnership, the sole general partner of which is a limited liability company of which Mr. Lubar is a manager, and the limited partners of which include trusts of which Mr. Lubar is trustee. Mr. Lubar disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the limited partnership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in those shares. Also includes 11,000 restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk.
- (6) Includes 13,236 shares held by Mr. Macaulay's wife and 7,752 shares held in the name of or in trust for Mr. Macaulay's adult daughters, over which he has no voting or dispositive power and as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership. Also includes 11,000 restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk.
- (7) Includes 53,544 shares held by a charitable foundation controlled by Mr. Millard and his wife. Also includes 11,000 restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk.
- (8) Includes 11,000 restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk. 400,000 shares are pledged to a bank as security.
- (9) Includes 11,000 shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk. Excludes 920,000 shares beneficially owned by LMS Capital, of which Mr. Rayne serves as Chief Executive Officer and director. Mr. Rayne disclaims beneficial ownership of all of the shares beneficially owned by LMS Capital.
- (10) Includes 109,430 restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk.
- (11) Includes 1,235 shares held under our 401(k) Savings Plan and 197,316 restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk.
- (12) Includes 63,818 restricted share units that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk.
- (13) Includes 156,162 restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules and forfeiture risk.
- (14) Information based on a Form 4 filed on behalf of Ms. Rodriguez on October 2, 2006 and corporate records.
- (15) Information based on a Form 4 filed on behalf of Mr. King on January 3, 2007 and corporate records.
- (16) Information based on a Form 4 filed on behalf of Mr. Nicholson on April 3, 2006 and corporate records.

**Shares Owned by Beneficial Holders**

This table shows information for each person known by us to beneficially own 5% or more of the outstanding common shares as of April 9, 2007.

**Name and Address of  
Beneficial Owner**

**Percent of**

	<b>Number of Shares(1)</b>	<b>Outstanding Shares</b>
ClearBridge Advisors, LLC(2) ClearBridge Asset Management, Inc. Smith Barney Fund Management LLC 399 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022	36,815,507	10.9
FMR Corp.(3) Edward C. Johnson 3d 82 Devonshire Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109	20,768,674	6.2
Wellington Management Company, LLP(4) 75 State Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109	18,701,480	5.6

(1) This information is based on information as of December 31, 2006 furnished by each shareholder or contained in filings made by the shareholder with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Based on such information,

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we understand that the persons listed have sole voting and dispositive power over the shares, unless otherwise noted.

- (2) The beneficial owners have shared voting power over 32,946,095 shares and shared dispositive power over all shares. None of the beneficial owners has sole voting or dispositive power over any shares.
- (3) The beneficial owners have sole voting power over 1,627,214 shares and sole dispositive power over all shares.
- (4) Voting power over 13,932,880 shares is shared. The beneficial owner does not have sole voting power over any shares. Dispositive power over all shares is shared.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

In addition to Mr. Duroc-Danner, whose biography is shown on page 3, the following persons are our executive officers. None of the executive officers or directors have any family relationships with each other, other than E. Lee Colley, III and M. David Colley, who are brothers.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner	53	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer
Andrew P. Becnel	39	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
E. Lee Colley, III	50	Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Stuart E. Ferguson	40	Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer
Burt M. Martin	43	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
M. Jessica Abarca	35	Vice President Accounting and Chief Accounting Officer
M. David Colley	46	Vice President Global Manufacturing
Keith R. Morley	56	Vice President Operations Support and Chief Safety Officer

**Andrew P. Becnel** was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in October 2006. Mr. Becnel joined the Company in 2002 and served as Corporate Vice President Finance from September 2005 to October 2006, Vice President of Finance from May 2004 to September 2005 and Associate General Counsel from June 2002 to May 2004. Prior to joining the Company, he was Securities Counsel of Koch Investment Group (the investment and trading division of Koch Industries) from 2001 to 2002 and Senior Associate Attorney with the law firm of Andrews Kurth LLP from 1995 until 2001.

**E. Lee Colley, III** was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in January 2007, in connection with the merger of our business divisions into one operating group. Mr. Colley joined us in March 1996 and has served in several positions, including Senior Vice President and President Artificial Lift Systems, from November 1998 until April 2003, and Senior Vice President and President Completion and Production Systems from April 2003 until January 2007. Prior to that time, Mr. Colley worked for over 20 years for another oilfield service company in various manufacturing, sales and marketing managerial positions.

**Stuart E. Ferguson** was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer in April 2003. Mr. Ferguson joined the Company in April 2001 and has served in several positions, including Senior Vice President and President Completion Systems from September 2002 until April 2003. From May 2000 until February 2001, Mr. Ferguson was Group Marketing Director of Expro International Group PLC, an oilfield services company. From August 1994 until February 2000, Mr. Ferguson worked for Petroline WellSystems Ltd., a provider of specialist oilfield products, in various positions, including Technical Services Director. We acquired Petroline in September 1999.

**Burt M. Martin** was appointed Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary in April 2002. He joined the Company in June 1998 and served as Associate General Counsel from June 1998 until June 2000 and as Vice President Law and Secretary from June 2000 until April 2002. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Martin was an associate attorney with the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.



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**M. Jessica Abarca** was appointed Vice President Accounting and Chief Accounting Officer in October 2006. Ms. Abarca joined Weatherford in 1996 and served as Vice President Finance of the Company's Completion and Production Systems division from May 2003 until October 2006. From 1996 until 2003, Ms. Abarca served in several finance and accounting managerial positions. Prior to joining the Company, she worked for Ernst & Young LLP from 1993 until 1996.

**M. David Colley** joined the Company in 1996 and was appointed Vice President Global Manufacturing in September 2002. Mr. Colley also was in charge of Information Technology from December 2002 until February 2004. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Colley worked for 17 years for another oilfield service company in various positions, with a focus on the supply of oilfield products.

**Keith R. Morley** joined the Company in November 2001 and was appointed Vice President Operations Support in January 2007 and Chief Safety Officer in January 2005. From May 2003 to January 2007, Mr. Morley served as Vice President Enterprise Excellence. From August 1999 to November 2001, Mr. Morley worked for CiDRA Optical Sensing Systems in various capacities, including Senior Vice President and General Manager. We acquired CiDRA Optical Sensing Systems in November 2001. From October 1998 to August 1999, Mr. Morley was President and Chief Executive Officer of Diversified Energy Services Corporation.

## **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

#### **Administration of Executive Compensation Program**

The Compensation Committee of the Board oversees our compensation programs and establishes and implements our compensation philosophy applicable to executive officers. The Compensation Committee annually reviews our compensation programs and policies for executive officers, and together with all of the non-management members of the Board of Directors, determines and approves the compensation of the executive officers.

The Compensation Committee consists of three directors who are not employees of the Company and who are independent, as defined by the standards of the New York Stock Exchange. No Compensation Committee member participates in any of our employee compensation programs. Each year, the Board of Directors reviews all relationships that each director has with the Company. The Board of Directors has determined that none of the members of the Compensation Committee had any material business relationships with us in 2006.

#### **Compensation Consultant**

Pearl Meyer & Partners ( Pearl Meyer ), a global human resources consulting firm, has been retained by us as an independent compensation consultant to advise the Compensation Committee on executive compensation and our compensation programs. Weatherford's management communicates directly with Pearl Meyer but does not direct its activities for the Compensation Committee.

Pearl Meyer assists the Compensation Committee by providing general guidance and comparative market data on compensation practices and programs based on an analysis of publicly available information on our peer group and U.S. industry practices. Pearl Meyer advises the Compensation Committee in analyzing and establishing the compensation levels for our executive officers.

#### **Peer Group**

The Compensation Committee currently utilizes a broad peer group consisting of publicly traded energy service and exploration and production companies. With the assistance of Pearl Meyer, the peer group was revised and expanded in 2007 to include similarly sized exploration and production companies as these are companies with whom we would potentially compete in the recruitment of executive management. In addition, the Compensation Committee selected a focused peer group which consists of certain companies from the peer group that compete directly with us and that were deemed to be the most appropriate for performance benchmarking and compensation

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monitoring. The peer group and the focused peer group are both used to benchmark our executive compensation levels against companies that have executive positions with responsibilities similar to ours and that compete with us for executive talent.

The following companies comprise the peer group: Anadarko Petroleum, Apache Corp., Baker Hughes, BJ Services, Cameron International, Chesapeake Energy, GlobalSantaFe, Halliburton, National Oilwell Varco, Schlumberger, Smith International and Transocean. The focused peer group consists of Baker Hughes, BJ Services, Halliburton, Schlumberger and Smith International.

The Compensation Committee reviews survey data and analysis prepared by Pearl Meyer to ensure that our total executive compensation program is comparable to the programs of other companies in our peer group and the focused peer group. Pearl Meyer compiles this data based upon its review of our peer group as well as other general U.S. industry compensation data. Pearl Meyer also provides the Compensation Committee with general financial performance data for the Company versus the focused peer group. This includes revenue, earnings per share and total shareholder return for the preceding one- and three-year periods.

## **Annual Reviews and Recommendations**

The Compensation Committee, together with the other non-management members of our Board of Directors, annually reviews the performance of Mr. Duroc-Danner. Mr. Duroc-Danner annually reviews the performance of each of the Company's executive officers (other than himself) and provides a summary of those reviews to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee reviews supporting documentation, including the compensation information and data prepared by Pearl Meyer, and receives recommendations from Mr. Duroc-Danner concerning the annual base salary, annual performance compensation and long-term incentives of our executive officers, other than Mr. Duroc-Danner. The Compensation Committee can exercise its discretion in modifying any recommended adjustments or awards to the executive officers. The Board of Directors, other than Mr. Duroc-Danner, reviews and approves the determinations of the Compensation Committee.

## **Compensation Philosophy and Objectives**

The Compensation Committee believes that our executive compensation program should be designed to reward the achievement of enhanced financial performance of the Company and should promote the improvement of shareholder value by aligning the interests of our executive officers with those of our shareholders. In furtherance of these objectives, the Compensation Committee has structured the Company's annual and long-term incentive compensation to provide competitive salary levels and compensation incentives that we believe (i) attract and retain individuals of outstanding ability in key executive positions, (ii) drive and reward strong business performance to create superior value for our shareholders and (iii) encourage our executives to focus on both the short-term and long-term performance goals of the Company.

The Compensation Committee believes that a significant portion of executive compensation should be tied to individual and Company performance. During periods when our financial performance meets or exceeds established objectives, executive officers should be paid at or more than expected levels through our incentive compensation programs. Likewise, when our performance does not meet the established goals, incentive compensation should be less than expected levels, if any incentive compensation is paid. There is no pre-established policy for the allocation of compensation between cash and non-cash or short-term and long-term incentive compensation because the Compensation Committee believes it is important to maintain flexibility in establishing the proper mix of compensation from year to year.

Incentive compensation is designed to balance short-term annual results and long-term success of the Company. To achieve this balance, executive officers are regularly awarded both short-term and long-term incentives. To motivate our executives to achieve long-term success for the Company and align their interests with those of our shareholders, we provide them and other key employees with various equity-based compensation incentives, including stock options and restricted share and restricted share unit awards, participation in our deferred compensation plans and the opportunity to purchase our common shares through our 401(k) plan. These incentives create a focus on share value appreciation and serve as a retention tool to encourage our key employees to remain in our employ.

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The Compensation Committee annually reviews the compensation data provided by Pearl Meyer, the financial performance of the Company and the performance of each executive officer to determine the appropriate level and combination of salary and incentive compensation for executive officers. The Compensation Committee believes that making a significant portion of an executive officer's compensation contingent on our annual financial results and share price performance more closely aligns the interests of the executive officers with those of our shareholders. Accordingly, historically and in 2006, a majority of executive compensation has been in the form of cash and non-cash long-term incentive compensation.

The Compensation Committee, together with the Board of Directors, intends to review the Company's compensation philosophies on an ongoing basis to ensure that executive compensation appropriately reflects corporate and individual performance and yields awards that are reflective of the individual's contribution to the achievement of our goals.

**2006 Executive Compensation Components**

The Compensation Committee reviews the total direct compensation, including all the components thereof, of each executive officer when making compensation decisions. The primary components of total direct compensation are base salary, annual performance compensation, long-term incentive compensation, retirement benefits, deferred compensation and, to a lesser extent, perquisites.

***Base Salary***

Base salaries for our executive officers are reviewed annually. Base salaries also may be adjusted upon a significant increase in job responsibilities or duties. Increases to base salaries are approved by the Compensation Committee and all of our non-employee directors following recommendations from Mr. Duroc-Danner, other than for his base salary. The Compensation Committee does not rely solely on predetermined formulas or criteria when evaluating executive base salaries. Base salaries for the named executive officers are targeted at median or higher levels of the compensation data provided by Pearl Meyer, but this data is only one of many factors that are taken into account when setting base salary. Increases to base salary in 2006 were based on a combination of factors, including:

The executive's level of experience and responsibility;

Retention of executive officers;

Salaries of similarly situated executives in our peer group;

The scope and complexity of the position held;

The executive's individual efforts in achieving business results;

Demonstration of leadership and team work abilities;

The Company's annual financial performance in 2005; and

The Company's achievement of long-term financial and strategic goals, including the completion of a significant strategic acquisition in August 2005.

Based upon its review of our executive officers and our financial performance in 2005, each executive received an increase in base salary in 2006. In addition, Mr. Becnel received a salary increase of \$100,000 in October 2006 upon his promotion to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. The amount of this increase was based upon the significance of the responsibilities and duties associated with the position of Chief Financial Officer.

***Annual Performance Compensation***

Annual performance compensation is provided to the executive officers in the form of cash bonuses relating to certain financial and operational achievements of the Company. Our executive officers and all other management and key employees participate in the Weatherford Variable Compensation Plan. The Variable Compensation Plan

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provides all participants with the opportunity to earn annual cash bonuses based on the achievement of specific financial and operational performance targets for each fiscal year. The Compensation Committee and management jointly establish the Company's annual performance targets in the first quarter of each year. Performance objectives are established at three levels: minimum, target and maximum. Performance targets are set at levels that are achievable but that require better than expected performance and are believed to be competitive with the Company's peer group and focused peer group. Minimum and maximum levels are generally set between 10% and 20% below or above the target level. Generally, targets are established at levels such that the relative difficulty of achieving the target level is consistent from year to year. Performance compensation, if any, is generally paid in cash in March of each year for the prior year's fiscal performance. The Compensation Committee has the discretion to reduce or increase any performance compensation.

The Chief Executive Officer may make adjustments to the financial performance goals used to determine performance compensation if circumstances such as unanticipated economic and market conditions had or are expected to have a positive or negative effect on the Company. He also may suspend or terminate the Variable Compensation Plan at any time, even if financial objectives have been achieved, if conditions or circumstances exist that had or may have a negative effect on the Company. If the Company's financial performance does not generate an award in any given year, an alternative bonus calculation may be performed. All decisions regarding changes in financial objectives or alternative bonus calculations are reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee in advance.

For fiscal 2006, the performance targets were based 100% on our earnings before interest and taxes. The minimum, target and maximum levels, as a percentage of base salary, for Mr. Duroc-Danner in 2006 were 60%, 120% and 180%, respectively, and the levels for all of our other named executive officers were 50%, 95% and 145%, respectively. The amount payable under the plan is based upon the Company's actual financial results versus the performance targets established for each level. In cases where the actual financial results are above or below the performance target levels, the percentage payable is prorated accordingly. When executive officers have operational responsibilities, their individual target goals are also influenced by operational performance.

In lieu of receiving a cash payment under the Variable Compensation Plan for 2006, each of our current named executive officers received an award of restricted shares or restricted share units under our 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan on February 28, 2007. The Compensation Committee determined that in this instance, equity bonus awards in lieu of cash would provide added incentive for our executive management team to maximize share value appreciation in 2007 and would allow for sufficient cash bonuses under the Variable Compensation Plan to non-executive management and key employees of the Company. Each executive officer was awarded a number of shares or units approximately equal in value to the cash payment he or she would have received under the Variable Compensation Plan. Each award vests in full on December 15, 2007, subject to continued employment with the Company. The number of shares or units granted to each named executive officer and the grant date fair value of each award, computed in accordance with FAS 123(R), were as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Grant Date Fair Value</b>
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner	71,026	\$ 2,848,143
Andrew P. Becnel	15,600	\$ 625,560
E. Lee Colley, III	18,720	\$ 750,672
Stuart E. Ferguson	13,818	\$ 554,102
Burt M. Martin	17,472	\$ 700,627

***Long-Term Incentive Compensation***

The Compensation Committee considers long-term incentives to be a key component of the executive officer compensation program. Long-term equity incentives are designed to motivate management to work toward long-term performance of the Company and serve to link a significant portion of the executive officers' compensation to shareholder value. These long-term incentives are equity-based and may consist from year to year of both stock options and restricted share or restricted share unit awards. Historically, stock options were exclusively used by the Compensation Committee as we only had a stock option plan. In more recent years, we adopted a restricted stock



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plan, thus restricted shares were used. Beginning last year, the 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan was established and provided the Compensation Committee with the ability to grant a variety of equity-based long-term incentives, including stock options and restricted shares.

These types of long-term incentive awards provide our executive officers with a benefit that will increase only to the extent that the value of our common shares increases, thereby giving them an incentive to work to increase shareholder value. The factors considered by the Compensation Committee in determining the number of options and restricted share or restricted share unit awards to be granted to each executive officer are generally the same as those used in establishing the base salaries of executive officers and include the position of the officer and the scope of his responsibilities and the long-term incentive compensation of similarly situated executives in our peer group and focused peer group.

Equity-based awards are service-based and generally vest over a period of three to four years. Vesting is accelerated upon death or disability and, if specified in the award agreement, upon retirement under our established policies or as a result of a change of control. Awards also may vest if the executive officer terminates his employment for good reason pursuant to his employment agreement. See below under Employment Agreements. The Compensation Committee has historically granted long-term equity-based awards to our executive officers on a bi-annual basis. The Compensation Committee has granted Mr. Duroc-Danner the discretion to approve and grant long-term equity-based awards to our other employees from time to time. Generally, these awards are granted on a bi-annual basis to a broad group of employees and also are granted to employees upon promotion or employment with the Company. All equity-based compensation decisions for the named executive officers are approved by our full Board of Directors following recommendations from the Compensation Committee and Mr. Duroc-Danner (with respect to the other named executive officers). Mr. Duroc-Danner abstains from voting on these matters and does not participate in discussions regarding his compensation.

Stock options become valuable only if and to the extent that the price of our common shares exceeds the exercise price of the options, which motivates our executive officers and employees to create shareholder value. Stock options have exercise prices equal to the closing market price of our common shares on the date of grant. Options granted under our 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan may have a term of not more than ten years from the date of grant. Options granted under earlier plans generally have a term of ten years from the date of vesting. Mr. Becnel was the only named executive officer who received a stock option or other equity-based award in 2006. The option was granted under our 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan and was awarded in connection with his appointment as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, in consideration of the significantly increased responsibilities he assumed with his appointment. The option is for 120,000 shares and vests in two equal increments on October 27, 2008 and 2010.

Restricted share and restricted share unit awards further motivate our key employees, including our executive officers, to strive for share price appreciation. We generally award restricted shares to employees in the United States and restricted share units to employees outside the United States. Restricted share units are different from restricted shares in that we do not actually issue common shares until the vesting requirements are met. Upon vesting, the holder of restricted share units receives one common share for each unit that vested. Holders of restricted shares are allowed to vote their shares and are entitled to receive dividends if we pay dividends. No restricted shares or restricted share units were awarded to any of the named executive officers in 2006. Each named executive officer was awarded restricted shares or restricted share units in February 2007, in addition to the awards of restricted shares and units described above under Annual Performance Compensation, pursuant to our 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan and as part of our bi-annual grants discussed above.

## ***Retirement Plan***

In 2003, we implemented an executive retirement plan for our executive officers in order to provide post-employment benefits that were not wholly dependent on the value of our common shares and to remain competitive with the compensation practices of our peer group and general industry practices. We have purchased life insurance to partially offset the potential benefits payable under this plan.

Benefits are the product of an annual benefit percentage (2.75% for each of the named executive officers) multiplied by the participant's compensation in effect as of his or her retirement, multiplied by the participant's

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years of service. The benefits are limited to a maximum amount equal to the participant's compensation multiplied by a maximum benefit percentage (60% for each of the named executive officers).

Mr. Duroc-Danner has sole discretion to credit participants, other than himself, with additional years of service under the plan. When determining benefits payable to a participant, if his or her age (before adding any additional years under the plan) is 55 or older, then no additional years of age are credited to a participant. If a participant's actual age is 54 or less, the participant will be credited with additional years of age, provided that when the participant's age, for purposes of determining benefits payable, reaches 55, then no additional years of service will be credited to the participant.

The normal retirement age under the plan is 62. A participant may elect early retirement on or after attainment of age 55 and the completion of 10 years of service. In the event of early retirement, monthly benefits are reduced by an amount equal to .25% multiplied by the number of years that a participant's age is less than age 62, subject to a maximum number of seven years. In the event of a change in control, however, benefits are not reduced.

If a participant dies or becomes disabled while in our employ, he or she or his or her beneficiaries, as applicable, will be eligible to receive benefits under the plan. If the participant is less than 62 years old at the time of death or disability, benefits are reduced by an amount equal to .25% multiplied by the number of years that the participant's age is less than 62, subject to a maximum number of seven years.

If a participant's employment is terminated other than by us for cause and the participant has completed ten years of service, the participant will be eligible for benefits under the plan. If the participant has not attained age 55 at the time of termination, monthly benefits will begin at age 55, unless the participant elects to receive a lump sum, in which case the benefit will be paid at termination. However, if a participant voluntarily terminates his or her employment other than for good reason prior to a change of control, the participant will not be eligible to receive his or her retirement benefit until age 55. Additionally, if a participant has at least seven years of service but less than ten years and his or her employment is terminated prior to a change of control for any reason other than by us for cause or voluntarily by the participant for any reason other than good reason, disability, death or retirement, the participant will be credited with an additional three years of service and age and will be eligible to receive this termination benefit.

In the event of a change of control, the participant will be credited with an additional five years of service and age. If the participant's employment terminates after a change of control for any reason other than by us for cause, the participant will be credited with an additional five years of service and age and will be entitled to receive benefits beginning upon termination of employment.

The participants are entitled to receive gross-up payments sufficient to satisfy any penalties, excise or other tax payments that may be required. Participants and their spouses are also entitled to receive health and medical insurance benefits for life, provided they pay normal employee contributions for this coverage up to a maximum annual contribution of \$2,000. These benefits will be secondary to Medicare and any other health and medical benefits that the participant receives from any other employer-provided plan.

## ***Deferred Compensation***

We maintain an executive deferred compensation plan and a foreign executive deferred compensation plan that provide our executive officers and other key employees with long-term incentive compensation through benefits that are directly linked to future increases in the value of our common shares and that may only be realized upon the employee's retirement, termination or death.

Under the executive deferred compensation plan, participating employees receive a tax deferred contribution under the plan equal to 7.5% of their annual compensation through a credit to an account that is converted into non-monetary units representing the number of common shares that the contributed funds could purchase in the market at the time of the contribution. In addition, in an effort to provide incentive to the participants to invest a portion of their compensation in the Company's common shares, the participating employees are offered the opportunity to defer up to 7.5% of their compensation to their account under this plan, in which case we will make a matching contribution equal to the amount of the deferral. All of our executive officers (other than Mr. Ferguson, who is a

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participant in our foreign executive deferred compensation plan) have elected to defer 7.5% of their compensation under this plan. Contributions are made on a monthly basis.

Under the foreign executive deferred compensation plan, participating employees receive a tax deferred contribution under the plan equal to 15% of their annual compensation through a credit to an account that is converted into non-monetary units representing the number of common shares that the contributed funds could purchase in the market at the time of the contribution. Contributions are made on a monthly basis. Mr. Ferguson is, and Mr. King was, a participant in the foreign executive deferred compensation plan.

Compensation that may be deferred under the plans consists of base pay, merit and incentive bonuses, commission, short-term disability pay, vacation pay and retention bonuses. Both plans provide for a five-year vesting period with respect to the Company's contributions, subject to earlier vesting in the event of a change in control. Distributions are made after an officer retires, terminates his employment or dies. Distributions are made in common shares. The number of common shares distributed will be an amount equal to the number of units in the officer's account at the time of the distribution. The ultimate value of benefits under the plan to the participant is wholly dependent upon meeting the plans' vesting requirements and the price of the common shares at the time the participating employee retires or dies or his or her employment terminates.

Our obligations with respect to the plans are unfunded. However, we have established a grantor trust, which is subject to the claims of our creditors, into which funds are deposited with an independent trustee that purchases common shares for the executive deferred compensation plan.

## ***Perquisites***

The Company provides the named executive officers with minimal perquisites and other personal benefits that the Compensation Committee believes are reasonable and consistent with the practices of our peer group. The Compensation Committee periodically reviews the perquisites provided to executive officers to determine if adjustments are appropriate. Perquisites made available to our named executive officers in 2006 included an annual car allowance or the use of a company car, payment of club dues and payment of life insurance premiums. Any named executive officers who are requested to temporarily relocate to a foreign country are also eligible for other perquisites that are available to all of our full-time employees who are requested to temporarily relocate to a foreign country. These perquisites include reimbursement of relocation expenses and housing, schooling and travel benefits.

## ***Other Generally Available Benefits***

Our named executive officers are eligible for additional Company-wide benefits on the same basis as other full-time employees. These include a 401(k) plan and other health, medical and welfare programs.

Our 401(k) plan gives our employees an opportunity to save a percentage of their compensation for their retirement on a pre-tax or after-tax basis. Employees may contribute from 1% to 50% of their gross pay on a pre-tax basis and up to 16% in after-tax contributions. The Company matches the first 4% of the employee's pre-tax contributions beginning one year after employment. Employees are fully vested in the Company's contributions after one year of service. Employees may direct how their contributions are invested among a number of investment options, including an option to invest in our common shares. Only U.S. employees are eligible to participate in our 401(k) plan. Employees outside the United States are covered under different retirement plans.

Our health, medical and welfare programs for U.S. employees include medical, pharmacy, dental and vision insurance if the employee pays the required copayment, life insurance in the amount of one time the person's salary or salary bracket, accidental death and dismemberment coverage of up to one time the person's salary, counseling through our

employee assistance program, critical illness coverage of up to \$10,000 and business travel accident coverage equal to four times annual salary up to a maximum of \$1 million. We also offer short-term and long-term disability benefits. Employees outside the United States are eligible to participate in different plans, depending upon availability of the benefit and the requirements of local law.

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### **Employment Agreements**

We have entered into employment agreements with each of the named executive officers. We believe that the terms of the employment agreements are generally consistent with the employment agreements of executive officers in our peer group. In addition, these agreements help us to attract and retain our named executive officers by providing them with competitive compensation arrangements. The employment agreements provide for a term of three years and are automatically renewable annually so as to terminate three years from the renewal date. The agreements generally provide for an annual base salary, which may not be decreased, that is reviewable annually but with no guarantee of increase, eligibility to participate in incentive, equity and other benefit plans and our deferred compensation plan, four weeks of vacation, a company-provided car or car allowance and the perquisites described above. The agreements require us to pay legal fees and expenses incurred by the officer in any disputes regarding the agreement.

Under the terms of the employment agreements, if we terminate an officer's employment for any reason other than cause, if the officer terminates his employment for good reason or if the employment is terminated as a result of the officer's death or disability, as defined in the employment agreements, the officer will be entitled to receive (1) an amount equal to three times the sum of the highest base salary during the five years prior to the year of termination plus the greater of the highest annual bonus paid during the five years prior to the year of termination and the annual bonus that would be payable in the current fiscal year, (2) any accrued salary or bonus (pro-rated to the date of termination), (3) an amount equal to three times all employer contributions to our 401(k) plan and other deferred compensation plans over the last year of employment, grossed-up to account for federal and state taxes thereon, (4) an amount equal to three times all perquisites and (5) any benefits payable under our retirement plan as of the date of termination (unless a change of control has occurred or is pending, in which case the terms of the retirement plan will govern the payment of benefits under such plan). In addition, under such circumstances, all benefits under all deferred compensation and other benefit plans, including stock options and restricted share grants, will automatically vest, and all health and medical benefits will be maintained after termination for a period of three years provided the executive makes his required contribution.

Under the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, certain severance payments that exceed a certain amount could subject both us and the executive to adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences. Each of the employment agreements provides that we would be required to pay the executive a gross up payment to ensure that the executive receives the total benefit intended by his agreement with us.

### **Share Ownership Guidelines**

The Compensation Committee believes that it is important to align the interests of management with the interests of our shareholders. In furtherance of this philosophy, we encourage all of our key employees to become shareholders through our equity-based awards, deferred compensation plans and 401(k) plan. Although we do not maintain minimum ownership requirements for our executive officers, we believe that each executive officer, through a combination of equity awards and participation in our deferred compensation and 401(k) plans, has a significant interest in increasing our long-term shareholder value.

### **Tax and Accounting Matters**

#### ***Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code***

The Compensation Committee considers the tax impact of our executive compensation programs. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code imposes a \$1 million limitation on the deductibility of certain compensation paid to the five highest paid executives. Although the Compensation Committee takes into account the potential application of

Section 162(m) on incentive compensation awards and other compensation decisions, it may approve compensation that will not meet these requirements in order to ensure competitive levels of compensation for our executive officers.



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***Nonqualified Deferred Compensation***

In 2004, the tax rules applicable to nonqualified compensation arrangements changed. While the final regulations relating to these changes have not yet become effective, we believe we are operating in good faith compliance with the statutory provisions that became effective on January 1, 2005.

***FAS 123(R)***

Beginning on January 1, 2006, we began accounting for share-based payments, including stock options, restricted share awards and restricted share unit awards, in accordance with FAS 123(R).

**Compensation Committee Report**

We have reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis contained in this proxy statement. Based on such review and discussions, we have recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

Nicholas F. Brady  
Robert B. Millard (Chair)  
Robert K. Moses, Jr.

**Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

The Compensation Committee's members are Messrs. Brady, Millard (Chair) and Moses, all of whom are independent, non-employee directors. None of the Compensation Committee members has served as an officer or employee of the Company.

Mr. Rayne is Chief Executive Officer of LMS Capital plc. Mr. Duroc-Danner has been a director of LMS Capital since April 2006. From January 2004 until January 2007, Mr. Duroc-Danner served on the board of London Merchant Securities, and Mr. Rayne was Chief Executive of London Merchant Securities until June 2006. Mr. Rayne does not serve on our Compensation Committee, and Mr. Duroc-Danner does not serve on the Compensation Committee, or any other committee, of LMS Capital and did not serve on the compensation committee of London Merchant Securities.

**Table of Contents****Summary Compensation Table**

This table shows the total compensation paid for the year ended December 31, 2006 to Mr. Duroc-Danner, Mr. Becnel, our three other most highly compensated executive officers during 2006, our former Chief Financial Officer and two other former officers. These officers and former officers are referred to in this proxy statement as the named executive officers .

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary \$(1)	Stock Awards \$(2)	Option Awards \$(2)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Non-Equity Deferred Incentive		All Other Compensation \$(4)	Total (\$)
					Compensation Earnings (\$)(3)			
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer	2006	1,372,604	4,492,828	1,009,211	(5)	6,634,786	523,455	14,032,884
Andrew P. Becnel Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2006	311,058	460,348	527,170	(5)	1,066,050	126,632	2,491,258
E. Lee Colley, III Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	2006	449,339	1,074,794	177,294	(5)	1,865,372	170,104	3,736,903
Stuart E. Ferguson Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer	2006	342,180	375,172	49,424	(5)	278,369	146,466	1,191,611
Burt M. Martin Senior Vice President and General Counsel	2006	419,231	1,013,502		(5)	965,746	163,662	2,562,141
Lisa W. Rodriguez Former Chief Financial Officer(6)	2006	418,177	3,833,235			(7)	11,006,887	15,258,299
John R. King.(8) Former Officer	2006	400,008	2,524,295			(9)	3,182,533	6,106,836
Jon R. Nicholson (10)	2006	105,232				(11)	11,090,641	11,195,873

Former Officer

- (1) Includes amounts deferred by each of the named executive officers under our deferred compensation plans described under **Deferred Compensation** in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement as well as amounts deferred under our 401(k) plan.
- (2) Amounts shown do not reflect compensation actually received. Instead, the amounts shown reflect the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, in accordance with FAS 123(R), and thus includes amounts from awards granted in and prior to 2006. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in footnote 15 to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. No new stock awards were granted in 2006, other than an option to purchase 120,000 shares that was awarded to Mr. Becnel.
- (3) The amounts shown reflect the actuarial increase in the present value of benefits using interest rate and mortality assumptions consistent with those used in our financial statements and include amounts that the officer may not currently be entitled to receive because such amounts are not vested.

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(4) Other Annual Compensation consists of the following:

	Mr. Duroc-Danner	Mr. Becnel	Mr. Colley	Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Martin	Ms. Rodriguez	Mr. King	Mr. Nicholson
Company Contributions to Executive Deferred Plan(\$)	487,704	106,659	157,401	100,077	141,635	152,726	150,001	84,900
Company Car/Car Allowance(\$)	11,504	7,200	1,095	13,907	7,200	6,092		2,000
Membership Dues(\$)	4,397	3,027			4,612	3,312		1,500
Housing Contributions for 401(k) Plan(\$)	8,800	8,800	8,800		8,800	8,800		8,800
Contribution to Foreign Pension Plan(\$)				26,746				
Insurance Premiums(\$)	11,050	946	2,808	5,736	1,415	1,470	1,347	2,000
Termination Payments\$(a)						10,834,487	3,031,185	10,990,000

(a) See Payments Made to Former Officers in 2006 under Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control below for further information regarding the payments made to Ms. Rodriguez and Messrs. King and Nicholson in connection with the terminations of their status as executive officers. The amount shown for Mr. King has been accrued and will be paid in April 2007.

The table does not reflect amounts paid for housing, travel and schooling for employees stationed overseas. These benefits are paid to executive officers on the same basis as all other employees.

(5) Our Variable Compensation plan provides for annual awards based upon the attainment of certain financial performance goals. The awards are paid in the first quarter of the year following the year in which they are earned. In lieu of receiving any awards under this plan for 2006, Messrs. Duroc-Danner, Becnel, Colley, Ferguson and Martin received a grant of restricted shares (restricted share units in the case of Mr. Ferguson, who is located outside the U.S.) in the first quarter of 2007 pursuant to our 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan. See Annual Performance Compensation in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement and the Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2006 table for more information.

(6) Ms. Rodriguez left the Company on November 3, 2006.

(7) Ms. Rodriguez's retirement benefit in the executive retirement plan decreased by \$3,444,518 in connection with her departure from the Company. Her lump sum benefit amount of \$6,127,812 is included in the termination payment amount in the All Other Compensation column. The difference in her accrued balance from the beginning of the year and her lump sum benefit is due to regular pension costs accrued during the year and the accelerated accrual of her prior service costs.

(8) Mr. King ceased to be an executive officer on December 31, 2006 in connection with the merger of our business divisions into one operating group.

(9) Mr. King's retirement benefit in the executive retirement plan decreased by \$716,463 in connection with the termination of his position as an executive officer. Mr. King was not vested in the plan and did not receive a lump sum benefit.

- (10) Mr. Nicholson left the Company on March 31, 2006.
- (11) Mr. Nicholson's retirement benefit in the executive retirement plan decreased by \$6,888,054 in connection with his departure from the Company. His lump sum benefit amount of \$7,483,907 is included in the termination payment amount in the All Other Compensation column. The difference in his accrued balance at the beginning of the year and his lump sum benefit is due to the revaluation of his benefit as of his termination date.

**Table of Contents****Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2006**

The following table provides information regarding plan-based awards granted in 2006 to the named executive officers. For any named executive officer not listed in the table, no information was applicable.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Restricted Underlying Securities Options (#)(1)	All Other Option Awards: of Securities Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/sh)	Grant Date or Fair Value of Share and Option Awards
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)				
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner		825,000	1,650,000	2,475,000				
Andrew P. Becnel	10/27/06	187,500	356,250	543,750	120,000(2)		42.27	1,994,520
E. Lee Colley, III		225,000	427,500	652,500				
Stuart E. Ferguson		181,000	343,900	524,900				
Burt M. Martin		210,000	399,000	609,000				

(1) Any payments would have been made under our Variable Compensation Plan. In lieu of receiving any awards under this plan for 2006, Messrs. Duroc-Danner, Becnel, Colley, Ferguson and Martin were awarded restricted shares (restricted share units in the case of Mr. Ferguson, who is located outside the U.S.) in the first quarter of 2007 under our 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan. See Annual Performance Compensation in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement for more information. Ms. Rodriguez, and Messrs. King and Nicholson were either no longer employed by us or no longer eligible to participate in the Variable Compensation Plan as of December 31, 2006.

(2) Option was granted under our 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan in connection with the appointment of Mr. Becnel as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Option vests in equal increments on each of October 27, 2008 and 2010, subject to earlier vesting pursuant to the terms of Mr. Becnel's employment agreement in the event of a termination of his employment. The exercise price was the closing market price of our common shares on the date of grant. The option expires on October 27, 2016.

**Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control**

Under the terms of the current employment agreements that we have entered into with the named executive officers, if we terminate an officer's employment for any reason other than Cause, if the officer terminates his employment for Good Reason or if the employment is terminated as a result of the officer's death or Disability, as defined in the employment agreements, the officer (or his estate) will be entitled to receive the following lump sum compensation:

any accrued salary or bonus (pro-rated to the date of termination) (the Accrued Obligation Payment). For these purposes, the bonus amount that is used is the greater of the highest annual bonus paid in the five years prior to the year of termination or the amount that would be payable in the year of termination;

an amount equal to three times the sum of the highest base salary during the five years prior to the year of termination and the greater of the highest annual bonus paid during the five years prior to the year of termination and the annual bonus that would be payable in the current fiscal year (the Salary and Bonus Payment);

an amount equal to three times all employer contributions to our 401(k) plan and other deferred compensation plans (other than our retirement plan) in the last year of employment, grossed-up to account for federal and state taxes thereon (the Contribution Payment);

an amount equal to three times the total value of all fringe benefits on an annualized basis (the Fringe Benefit Payment); and

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any benefits payable under our retirement plan as of the date of termination (unless a change of control has occurred or is pending, in which case the terms of the retirement plan will govern the payment of benefits under such plan) (the "NQERP Payment"). For more information regarding our retirement plan, see "Retirement Plan" in the Compensation and Discussion Analysis section of this proxy statement.

In addition, under such circumstances, the following benefits also would be provided or paid:

all benefits under all deferred compensation and other benefit plans, including stock options and restricted share grants, will automatically become fully vested to the extent not already vested;

all health and medical benefits and all other benefits under any plans that are provided to the officer and his or her family prior to termination would be maintained after termination for a period of three years or such longer period as the plans may require, provided the executive makes his required contribution (the "Healthcare Benefit"). However, participants who are eligible to receive benefits under the retirement plan are provided with medical insurance for life for the officer and his or her spouse, provide they pay the required monthly contributions up to a maximum of \$2,000 per year. See "Other Generally Available Benefits" in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement for more information regarding the benefits that we provide to our employees;

We would pay, as incurred, for outplacement services for the officer, the scope and provider of which would be selected by the officer (the "Outplacement Payment");

Any one club membership, luncheon club and other membership that we provided for the officer or his family prior to termination would be transferred to the officer at no cost to the officer;

We would either transfer ownership and title to the officer's company car at no cost (other than individual income taxes owed by the officer) to the officer, or if the officer received a monthly car allowance, we would pay the officer a lump sum in cash equal to the annual car allowance multiplied by three (the "Car Payment");

We would pay any other benefits that the officer is entitled to receive under any of our other plans or programs (the "Other Benefits Payment"). In the case of the officer's death, this would include death benefits to the officer's estate at least equal to the most favorable benefits provided by us on the date of the agreement or at the time of death, if more favorable. In the case of Disability, this would include disability and other benefits equal to the most favorable benefits provided by us on the date of agreement or at the time of Disability, if more favorable. See "Other Generally Available Benefits" in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of the proxy statement for more information regarding the benefits that we provide to our employees.

Under the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, certain severance payments that exceed a certain amount could subject both us and the executive to adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences. Each of the employment agreements provides that we would be required to pay the executive a "gross up payment" to ensure that the executive receives the total benefit intended by his agreement with us

Under the employment agreements, "Cause" is defined as the willful and continued failure to substantially perform the officer's job, after written demand is made by the Chief Executive Officer or the Board, or the willful engagement in illegal conduct or gross misconduct that is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company. "Disability" is defined as the absence of the officer from his duties on a substantial basis for 120 calendar days as a result of incapacity due to mental or physical illness. If we determine that the officer is disabled, the officer has 30 days from the date of our notice to the officer of intent to terminate employment by reason of Disability to return to full-time



performance of his duties. The officer may terminate his employment for Disability if a physician selected by the officer determines that a disability has occurred.

Termination by the executive for Good Reason is generally defined as:

a reduction in title and/or responsibilities of the officer;

a relocation of the officer;

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- a reduction in the officer's benefits;
- the breach by the Company of the employment agreement;
- any termination by the Company of the officer's employment; and
- the failure by the Company to renew the employment agreement after a change of control.

In the event of a change of control or other transaction in which our common shares cease to be publicly traded, "Good Reason" also will be deemed to exist if the officer is assigned to any position, authority, duties or responsibilities that are not at the ultimate parent and publicly traded company of the surviving entity or that are inconsistent with the current position, authority, duties or responsibilities set out in the employment agreement. Any good faith determination of "Good Reason" made by the officer is conclusive.

A change of control is generally deemed to occur under the employment agreements if:

- any person acquires 20% or more of our common shares;
- at least two-thirds of the members of the current Board of Directors cease to be directors other than in specified circumstances;
- upon the consummation of a merger or similar transaction other than (a) a transaction in which at least two-thirds of the common shares outstanding immediately prior to the transaction continue to represent at least two-thirds of the voting power immediately after the transaction or (b) a transaction in which no person owns 20% or more of the outstanding common shares or voting power of the surviving entity; and (c) a transaction in which at least two-thirds of the members of the surviving entity are current members of the Board of Directors at the time the transaction was approved; or
- approval or adoption by the Board or the shareholders of a plan or proposal which could result directly or indirectly in the liquidation, transfer, sale or other disposal of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or a dissolution of the Company.

None of the current named executive officers is eligible for retirement under our plans and policies.

**Payments Made to Former Officers in 2006**

The following tables show cash and non-cash compensation paid or to be paid to Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Nicholson in connection with the terminations of their employment and to Mr. King in connection with the termination of his role as an executive officer.

***Cash Compensation***

Name	Accrued Obligation Payment (\$)	Salary and Bonus Payment (\$)	Contribution Payment (\$)	Fringe Benefit Payment \$(1)	Car Payment (\$)	NQERP Payment (\$)	Other Benefit Payment (\$)	Gross-Up Payment \$(2)	Total (\$)
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Lisa W. Rodriguez	537,877	3,120,000	575,081	43,930	21,600	6,127,812	24,000	384,187	10,834,487
John R. King	610,770	2,000,000	391,615	28,800					3,031,185
Jon R. Nicholson	159,154	2,523,690	427,627	42,099		7,483,907	10,000	285,678	10,932,155

- (1) Includes allowances for yearly physical, financial planning, phone, club dues and professional fees, if applicable.
- (2) Payment was made to account for federal and state taxes on the Contribution Payment.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Vested Equity Awards (\$)(1)</b>	<b>Healthcare Benefit (\$)(2)</b>	<b>Car Ownership (\$)(3)</b>	<b>Deferred Compensation Distribution (\$)(4)</b>
Lisa W. Rodriguez(5)	5,145,000	402,174		1,539,746
John R. King(6)	2,925,300	16,014		164,427
Jon R. Nicholson(7)	2,063,250	175,224	58,598	1,777,145

- (1) Does not include the value of any units that vested upon termination under our deferred compensation plans. Any such amounts are included in the values shown for the column entitled **Deferred Compensation Distribution**.
- (2) Includes medical, dental and vision insurance for the officer, his or her spouse and their dependents, plus basic life insurance in accordance with their employment agreements. For Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Nicholson, the coverage will last for three years, and for Mr. King, the coverage will last for two years following termination. Also includes medical benefit provided by the executive retirement plan. The value of the benefit for life was calculated using COBRA rates, adjusted for aging and the anticipated impact of Medicare (post-65), trended for expected healthcare increases, and discounted back to December 31, 2006 using the discount rate (5.5%).
- (3) Value was determined by the amount paid by the Company to transfer ownership.
- (4) Value was determined by multiplying the number of our common shares distributed to the former officer upon termination of employment or position by the closing market price of our common shares on the date the distribution was initiated. See the table under **Nonqualified Deferred Compensation** and footnotes to that table for more information regarding the values included herein.
- (5) Ms. Rodriguez vested as to 122,500 restricted shares upon termination of her employment on November 3, 2006. The closing market price of our shares on that date was \$42.00. Ms. Rodriguez received a distribution of 25,361 common shares in November 2006 under our executive deferred compensation plan with a value of \$1,065,165 which was also based on the closing market price of our common shares on November 3, 2006, of \$42.00. She will receive the remainder of her units, 11,356 shares, in May 2007 at a value equal to the closing market price of our common shares on the date the distribution is initiated. For the purposes of this table, the value in the column entitled **Deferred Compensation Distribution** includes an estimated value of \$474,581 which represents the remaining 11,356 shares at a closing market price of our common shares on December 29, 2006 of \$41.79. However, the actual value of the units can only be determined at the time of distribution.
- (6) Mr. King vested as to 70,000 restricted share units upon termination of his role as an executive officer on December 31, 2006. The closing market price of our shares on December 29, 2006 was \$41.79. Mr. King will receive a distribution of common shares under our foreign deferred compensation plan when he leaves the Company in 2007. For purposes of this table, the value shown in the column entitled **Deferred Compensation Distribution** represents an estimated value of Mr. King's 3,935 units under the foreign deferred compensation plan as of December 29, 2006, at a closing market price per share of \$41.79. However, the actual value of the units can only be determined at the time of distribution.

- (7) Mr. Nicholson vested as to 45,000 restricted shares upon termination of his employment on March 31, 2006. The related value included in the table was based on a closing market price of our shares on March 30, 2006 of \$45.85. Mr. Nicholson received a distribution of 31,371 common shares in April 2006 and 8,637 common shares in October 2006 under our executive deferred compensation plan with a value of \$45.75 per share and \$39.58 per share, respectively.

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The following table, referred to in this proxy statement as the Cash Compensation Table, describes cash payments that would be required to be made under the employment agreements we have with each of the named executive officers, other than the former officers discussed above, and under our executive retirement plan in the event a named executive officer's employment was terminated by us other than for Cause or by the officer for Good Reason. This table and the table that follows in this section assume that there was no change of control prior to termination, that the event that triggered the payment occurred on December 29, 2006 and that the price of our common shares was \$41.79 on that date. The amounts shown for such person in the tables include amounts earned through such time and are estimates of the amount that would be paid out to the officer upon their termination. The actual amounts to be paid out can only be determined at the time of such officer's termination.

Officer Name	Accrued Obligations Payment (\$)	Salary and Bonus Payment (\$)	Contribution Payment (\$)	Fringe Benefit Payment (\$)(1)	Car Payment (\$)	NQERP Payment (\$)	Other Benefits Payment (\$)	Gross-Up Payment (\$)(2)	Out-Placement Payment (\$)	Total (\$)
Harold J. Duroc-Danner	2,010,968	9,761,268	1,792,235	42,000		46,094,297		965,050		60,665,813
Andrew P. Becnel	428,846	2,325,000	439,477	37,200	21,600			236,641		3,488,764
Lee Colley, III	634,615	3,150,000	594,092	28,200		8,707,908		319,896		13,434,711
Robert E. Ferguson	374,173	2,131,523	456,092	28,200	44,429			304,062		3,338,487
Robert M. Martin	557,308	2,835,000	535,246	42,000	21,600	5,277,784		288,209		9,557,167

- (1) Includes the sum of the costs of an annual physical examination, financial planning services, and cellular telephone and club dues, multiplied by three.
- (2) Amount shown reflects the estimated amount that would have been paid to account for federal and state taxes on the Contribution Payment. For Messrs. Duroc-Danner, Becnel, Colley and Martin, who are based in the United States, the Contribution Payment is grossed up at a rate of 35%. For Mr. Ferguson, who is based in the United Kingdom, the rate is 40%, consistent with tax rates in the United Kingdom. The Contribution Payment is the only payment for which the Company pays a tax gross-up payment.

In addition to the cash payments described above, the officers would have been entitled to receive the following non-cash compensation set forth in the table below.

Vested Equity Awards	Healthcare Benefit	Membership Transfer Costs	Car Ownership	Deferred Compensation Distribution
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<b>Name</b>	<b>(\$)(1)</b>	<b>(\$)(2)</b>	<b>(\$)(3)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>(\$)(4)</b>
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner(5)	14,244,330	329,692	7,750	62,930	6,466,130
Andrew P. Becnel(6)	5,249,475	84,714	17,100		528,274
E. Lee Colley, III(7)	5,119,275	247,118		53,500	2,024,514
Stuart E. Ferguson(8)	1,880,550	78,814			607,104
Burt M. Martin(9)	4,805,850	112,563	16,200		1,390,117

- (1) Value for restricted shares/restricted share units was determined by multiplying the number of shares or units that would have vested by the closing market price of our shares on December 29, 2006 (\$41.79). For options, value was determined by multiplying the number of shares as to which the option would have vested by \$41.79 and then subtracting the exercise price multiplied by the number of shares as to which the option vested.
- (2) Includes medical, dental and vision insurance for the officer, his or her spouse and their dependents, plus basic life insurance in accordance with their employment agreements. Also includes medical benefit provided by the executive retirement plan. The value of the benefit for life was calculated using COBRA rates, adjusted for aging and the anticipated impact of Medicare (post-65), trended for expected healthcare increases and discounted back to December 31, 2006 using the discount rate (5.5%).
- (3) The amount shown is the amount of the deposits paid by the Company for club memberships that would be lost if the membership was transferred to the officer. There are no known transfer fees.
- (4) Value was determined by multiplying the number of units in the officer's deferred compensation account as of December 31, 2006, multiplied by \$41.79.

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- (5) Mr. Duroc-Danner would have vested as to 340,855 restricted shares. He would have received a distribution of 154,729 common shares under our executive deferred compensation plan.
- (6) Mr. Becnel would have vested as to 52,500 restricted shares. He would have vested as to options to purchase an aggregate of 260,000 shares, 140,000 of which have an exercise price of \$19.965 per shares, and 120,000 of which have an exercise price of \$42.27 per share. He would have received a distribution of 12,641 common shares under our executive deferred compensation plan.
- (7) Mr. Colley would have vested as to 122,500 restricted shares. He would have received a distribution of 48,445 common shares under our executive deferred compensation plan.
- (8) Mr. Ferguson would have vested as to 45,000 restricted share units. He would have received a distribution an aggregate of 14,528 common shares under our executive deferred compensation and foreign executive deferred compensation plans.
- (9) Mr. Martin would have vested as to 115,000 restricted shares. He would have received a distribution of 33,264 common shares under our executive deferred compensation plan.

## **Termination Upon Death**

In the event of a named executive officer's death, his estate would be entitled to receive the following compensation in addition to the amounts set forth in the Cash Compensation Table: (a) life insurance proceeds in the amount of one times the officer's salary or salary bracket, (b) if applicable, accidental death and dismemberment proceeds in the amount of one times the officer's salary and (c) if a participant is not already eligible to receive the maximum benefits payable under our retirement plan, an additional death benefit amount under that plan.

The additional amounts in life insurance proceeds would be \$1,375,000 for Mr. Duroc-Danner, \$300,000 for Mr. Becnel, \$1,500,000 for Mr. Colley (including \$1,050,000 of proceeds the premiums for which are paid by Mr. Colley), \$1,576,117 for Mr. Ferguson, and \$420,000 for Mr. Martin. If accidental death and dismemberment benefits were payable, these amounts generally would be doubled. The additional NQERP Payment amounts would have been \$0 for Mr. Duroc-Danner, \$11,148,481 for Mr. Becnel, \$6,396,679 for Mr. Colley, \$10,220,771 for Mr. Ferguson and \$8,316,174 for Mr. Martin.

## **Termination Upon Disability**

In the event a named executive officer's employment terminated as of December 31, 2006 due to Disability, and provided that the officer was not already eligible to receive the maximum benefit amount under our retirement plan, the officer would be entitled to an additional disability benefit under our executive retirement plan. The additional NQERP Payments over the amounts shown in the Cash Compensation Table would have been \$0 for Mr. Duroc-Danner, \$4,886,334 for Mr. Becnel, \$1,315,261 for Mr. Colley, \$4,985,052 for Mr. Ferguson and \$3,853,258 for Mr. Martin.

## **Termination After a Change of Control**

In the event of a termination of a named executive officer after a change of control by us for any reason other than Cause, by the officer for Good Reason or by reason of the officer's death or Disability, and provided that the officer was not already eligible to receive the maximum benefit amount under our retirement plan due to his age and years of service, the officer's NQERP Payment would be increased from the amount set forth in the Cash Compensation Table



due to increased years of service and age that would have been credited to the officer upon the change of control and subsequent termination. Additionally, the named executive officer would be entitled to certain gross-up payments to account for taxes that would be payable on the amounts received by the executive.

The additional NQERP Payment amounts would be \$0 for Mr. Duroc-Danner, \$9,663,191 for Mr. Becnel, \$4,294,280 for Mr. Colley, \$9,204,587 for Mr. Ferguson, and \$8,109,516 for Mr. Martin. Tax gross-up payments would be \$0 for Mr. Duroc-Danner, \$6,058,504 for Mr. Becnel, \$3,926,155 for Mr. Colley, \$0 for Mr. Ferguson and \$5,486,693 for Mr. Martin.

**Table of Contents****Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2006**

The following table provides information about the number of outstanding equity awards held by our named executive officers at December 31, 2006. For any named executive officer not listed in the following table, no information was applicable.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards	
	Number of Securities Underlying	Number of Securities Underlying	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of	Market Value of
					Shares or Units of Shares That Have Not Vested (#)	Shares or Units of Shares That Have Not Vested \$(1)
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner	392,676(2) 370,000		11.885 17.575	09/25/2015 12/17/2016	86,667(3) 54,188(4) 200,000(5)	3,621,814 2,264,516 8,358,000
Andrew P. Becnel	90,000 50,000	140,000(6) 120,000(7)	17.06 17.75 19.965 42.27	07/22/2015 10/08/2015 05/09/2017 10/27/2016	22,500(8) 30,000(9)	940,275 1,253,700
E. Lee Colley, III	102,108 200,000 200,000 65,000		5.8075 18.375 11.885 17.575	09/07/2011 07/04/2013 09/25/2015 12/17/2016	52,500(8) 70,000(9)	2,193,975 2,925,300
Stuart E. Ferguson	50,000		12.41	09/24/2016	45,000(8)	1,880,550
Burt M. Martin	200,000		11.885	09/25/2015	45,000(8) 70,000(9)	1,880,550 2,925,300
Lisa W. Rodriguez John R. King(10)	141,300		11.885	09/25/2015		

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- (1) Assumes a value of \$41.79 per share, which was the closing market price of our common shares on December 29, 2006.
- (2) Option has been transferred to a family limited partnership for estate planning purposes.
- (3) Shares vest on September 8, 2007.
- (4) 18,062 shares vested on February 14, 2007. The remaining shares vest as follows: 18,063 on February 14, 2008 and 18,063 on February 14, 2009.
- (5) 100,000 shares vest on each of December 14, 2007 and 2009.
- (6) Option vests in full on May 10, 2007.
- (7) Option vests in equal increments on each of October 27, 2008 and 2010.
- (8) One-third of the shares\units vested on January 7, 2007. The remaining shares\units vest in equal increments on each of January 7, 2008 and 2009.

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- (9) Shares vest in equal increments on each of December 19, 2007 and 2009.
- (10) 70,000 units vested on December 31, 2006, in connection with the termination of Mr. King's role as an executive officer.

**Aggregate Option Exercises  
And Restricted Shares\Units Vested in 2006**

The following table provides information about the number of shares acquired upon option exercises and restricted shares or share units vesting, and the value realized on exercise and vesting, as applicable, by our named executive officers during 2006.

Name	Option Awards		Restricted Share and Restricted Share Unit Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Valued Realized on Exercise (\$)(1)	Number of Shares/Units Acquired on Vesting (#)(2)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)(2)
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner	200,000	9,143,540	130,541	5,462,334(3)
Andrew P. Becnel			9,470	386,720(4)
E. Lee Colley, III			22,420	916,899(5)
Stuart E. Ferguson			18,692	762,277(6)
Burt M. Martin			19,922	817,639(7)
Lisa W. Rodriguez	108,700	4,039,651	146,152	6,117,352(8)
John R. King			70,000	2,925,300(9)
Jon R. Nicholson	265,000	10,041,523	63,692	2,821,027(10)

- (1) The value is based on the difference in the market price of the common shares at the time of exercise and the exercise price of the options.
- (2) Number of shares acquired and the value thereof includes any shares surrendered to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The value is based on the closing market price of our common shares on the vesting date multiplied by the aggregate number of shares that vested on such date.
- (3) 25,812 shares vested on February 6, 2006, with a value of \$1,161,798 (based on a closing market price per share of \$45.01 on that date), 86,667 shares vested on September 8, 2006, with a value of \$3,554,214 (based on a closing market price per share of \$41.01 on that date), and 18,062 shares vested on February 14, 2006, with a value of \$746,322 (based on a closing market price per share of \$41.32 on that date).

- (4) 7,500 shares vested on January 7, 2006, with a value of \$298,050 (based on a closing market price per share of \$39.74 on January 6, 2006), and 1,970 shares vested on February 6, 2006, with a value of \$88,670 (based on a closing market price per share of \$45.01 on that date).
- (5) 17,500 shares vested on January 7, 2006, with a value of \$695,450 (based on a closing market price per share of \$39.74 on January 6, 2006), and 4,920 shares vested on February 6, 2006, with a value of \$221,449 (based on a closing market price per share of \$45.01 on that date).
- (6) 15,000 units vested on January 7, 2006, with a value of \$596,100 (based on a closing market price per share of \$39.74 on January 6, 2006), and 3,692 units vested on February 6, 2006, with a value of \$166,177 (based on a closing market price per share of \$45.01 on that date).
- (7) 15,000 shares vested on January 7, 2006, with a value of \$596,100 (based on a closing market price per share of \$39.74 on January 6, 2006), and 4,922 shares vested on February 6, 2006, with a value of \$221,539 (based on a closing market price per share of \$45.01 on that date).
- (8) 17,500 shares vested on January 7, 2006, with a value of \$695,450 (based on a closing market price per share of \$39.74 on January 6, 2006), 6,152 shares vested on February 6, 2006, with a value of \$276,902 (based on a closing market price per share of \$45.01 on that date), and 122,500 shares vested on November 3, 2006, with a value of \$5,145,000 (based on a closing market price per share of \$42.00 on that date).

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- (9) 70,000 units vested on December 31, 2006 in connection with the termination of Mr. King's role as an executive officer. Value is based on a closing market price per share of \$41.79 on December 29, 2006.
- (10) 15,000 shares vested on January 7, 2006, with a value of \$596,100 (based on a closing market price per share of \$39.74 on January 6, 2006), 3,692 shares vested on February 6, 2006, with a value of \$166,177 (based on a closing market price per share of \$45.01 on that date), and 45,000 shares vested on March 31, 2006, with a value of \$2,058,750 (based on a closing market price per share of \$45.75 on that date).

**Pension Benefits**

The following table shows information regarding the named executive officers' benefits under our nonqualified executive retirement plan. For more information regarding our executive retirement plan, see "Retirement Plan" in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Number of Years Credited Service (#)(1)</b>	<b>Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)(2)</b>	<b>Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)</b>
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner	20	33,216,580	
Andrew P. Becnel	5	1,383,587	
E. Lee Colley, III	11	5,955,591	
Stuart E. Ferguson	6	1,488,825	
Burt M. Martin	9	3,241,814	
Lisa W. Rodriguez(3)			6,127,812
John R. King(4)			
Jon R. Nicholson(5)			7,483,907

- (1) Years of credited service shown above are rounded up to the next whole year as required by the plan.
- (2) Includes amounts that the officer may not currently be entitled to receive because such amounts are not vested. Values were determined using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. Material assumptions used in the valuations include a discount rate of 5.5% and an inflation rate of 3%. For purposes of the table, all participants are assumed to retire at the normal retirement age, as defined by the executive retirement plan (see "Retirement Plan" in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement). Mortality rates used were from the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality, Male and Female.
- (3) For purposes of the table, the benefit amount due Ms. Rodriguez is being shown in the payments column as it was payable upon termination but was deferred for six months in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code Section 409A. The benefit amount shown in the table will be paid in May 2007.
- (4) As of December 31, 2006, Mr. King was removed from the plan in connection with his termination as an executive officer. He was not vested on such date.

(5) Mr. Nicholson received a benefit payment in 2006 in connection with his termination on March 31, 2006.

Compensation under the plan is based on the sum of (a) the highest base salary in the last five years of employment, increased by any amounts that could have been received in cash in lieu of deferrals made pursuant to a cash or deferred arrangement or a cafeteria plan, and (b) the greater of the bonus amount potentially payable under the Company's management incentive plan for the last year of employment and the highest bonus paid in the last five years of employment.

Upon electing to participate in the plan, the participant agrees to a 10% reduction in his or her base salary as of the time of electing to participate. Our Chief Executive Officer has sole discretion to credit participants, other than himself, with additional years of service under the plan. The officers named in the Summary Compensation Table may be credited an additional three years of service or years of age upon termination of employment for any reason (except for termination by the Company for Cause or voluntary termination by the participant for any reason other than for Good Reason, death, disability or retirement).

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A participant's interest in the plan is generally distributed either in a lump sum or in the form of a monthly annuity for life, at the participant's option. If the participant elects to receive monthly benefits, the participant's beneficiaries will receive upon the participant's death a lump sum payment equal to 120 monthly installments of the participant's benefit.

**Nonqualified Deferred Compensation**

The following table contains information regarding the named executive officers' benefits under our deferred compensation plans. See "Deferred Compensation" in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement for more information regarding our deferred compensation plans.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Executive Contributions in 2006 (\$)(1)</b>	<b>Registrant Contributions in 2006 (\$)(2)</b>	<b>Aggregate Earnings in 2006 (\$)</b>	<b>Aggregate Withdrawals/Distributions (\$)</b>	<b>Aggregate Balance at 12/31/06 (\$)(3)</b>
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner	243,852	487,704	0	0	6,466,130
Andrew P. Becnel	53,329	106,659	0	0	528,274
E. Lee Colley, III	78,700	157,401	0	0	2,024,514
Stuart E. Ferguson		100,077	0	0	607,104
Burt M. Martin	70,817	141,635	0	0	1,390,117
Lisa W. Rodriguez(4)	76,363	152,726	0	1,065,165	474,581
John R. King(5)		150,001	0	0	164,427
Jon R. Nicholson(6)	42,485	84,969	0	1,777,145	0

- (1) All amounts shown are included in the Salary column of the Summary Compensation Table. Executive contributions in 2006 represented 5,567, 1,218, 1,796, 1,616, 1,745 and 984 units allocated to the accounts of Messrs. Duroc-Danner, Becnel, Colley, and Martin, Ms. Rodriguez, and Mr. Nicholson, respectively. Messrs. Ferguson and King were participants in our foreign deferred compensation plan, which does not provide for participant contributions.
- (2) All amounts shown above are included in the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table. Company contributions in 2006 represented 11,134, 2,435, 3,593, 2,274, 3,232, 3,490, 3,184 and 1,967 units allocated to the accounts of Messrs. Duroc-Danner, Becnel, Colley, Ferguson, and Martin, Ms. Rodriguez, and Messrs. King and Nicholson, respectively.
- (3) As of December 31, 2006, Messrs. Duroc-Danner, Becnel, Colley, Ferguson, Martin, Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. King had 154,729, 12,641, 48,445, 14,528, 33,264, 11,356 and 3,935 units allocated to their respective accounts, including units purchased with their own deferrals.
- (4) Ms. Rodriguez received a gross distribution of 25,361 shares in November 2006. At the election of Ms. Rodriguez, 9,933 shares were withheld for taxes. The value included above represents the gross shares at a per share price of \$42.00, the closing market price of our common shares on November 3, 2006, her termination date. Ms. Rodriguez will receive the remainder of her units, 11,356 shares, in May 2007 at a value determined by the closing market price of our common shares on the date the distribution is initiated.



- (5) Mr. King will receive a distribution of common shares when he leaves the Company in 2007, at a value equal to the closing market price of our common shares on the date the distribution is initiated multiplied by the number of units in his account at that time.
- (6) Mr. Nicholson received a gross distribution of 31,371 shares in April 2006. At the election of Mr. Nicholson, 12,368 shares were withheld for taxes. The value included above represents the gross units at a per share price of \$45.75, the closing market price of our common shares on March 31, 2006, his termination date. In October 2006, Mr. Nicholson received a final gross distribution of 8,637 shares. At the election of Mr. Nicholson, 3,029 shares were withheld for taxes. The value included above represents the gross units at a per share price of \$39.58, the closing market price of our common shares on October 3, 2006.

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Incorporation by Reference**

The Audit Committee Report and the Compensation Committee Report contained in this proxy statement are not deemed to be soliciting material or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any prior or future filings we make under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate any of this information by reference. Information contained in or connected to our website is not incorporated by reference into this proxy statement and should not be considered part of this proxy statement or any other filing that we make with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

All of our executive officers and directors are required to file initial reports of share ownership and reports of changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

We have reviewed these reports, including any amendments, and written representations from the current executive officers and directors of the Company. Based on this review, we believe that all filing requirements were met for the executive officers subject to Section 16(a) and our directors during 2006.

**Proposals by Shareholders**

Shareholder proposals to be included in the proxy materials for our Annual General Meeting to be held in 2008 must be received by us by December 28, 2007, and must otherwise comply with Rule 14a-8 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be considered for inclusion in our proxy statement for that year.

If you do not comply with Rule 14a-8, we will not be required to include the proposal in our proxy statement and the proxy card mailed to our shareholders. However, you may use the procedures set forth in our Bye-laws to have a proposal that is not included in our proxy materials brought before the 2008 Annual General Meeting for consideration by our shareholders. The Company's Bye-laws set forth procedures to be followed by shareholders or beneficial owners of our shares who wish to nominate candidates for election to the Board of Directors or bring other business before an annual or special general meeting of shareholders. If a shareholder desires to nominate candidates for election to the Board of Directors or bring other business before the 2008 Annual General Meeting, we must receive notice from the shareholder or beneficial owner not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to May 30, 2008 (no earlier than February 29, 2008 and no later than March 31, 2008). However, if our 2008 Annual General Meeting is called for a date that is not within 60 days before or after May 30, 2008, we must receive such notice not later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day following the day on which notice of the date of the 2008 Annual General Meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the 2008 Annual General Meeting was made, whichever occurs first. Any such notice from a shareholder or beneficial owner also must contain the information specified in our Bye-laws, including, in the case of a nomination, certain background information, and in the case of other business, a description of such business and reasons for conducting such business before the Annual General Meeting. Additionally, under Bermuda law, shareholders holding not less than 5% of the total voting rights or 100 or more shareholders together may require us to give notice to our shareholders of a proposal to be submitted at an Annual General Meeting. Generally, notice of such a proposal must be received by us at our registered office in Bermuda (located at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda) not less than six weeks before the date of the meeting and must otherwise comply with the requirements of Bermuda law.

We recommend that any shareholder desiring to make a nomination or submit a proposal for consideration obtain a copy of our Bye-laws. They are available on our website at [www.weatherford.com](http://www.weatherford.com), by clicking on About Weatherford, then Corporate Governance, then Company Bylaws. Shareholders also may obtain a copy of our Bye-laws free of charge by submitting a written request to our Secretary at our principal executive offices.

Any shareholder proposal, whether or not to be included in our proxy materials, must be sent to our Secretary at 515 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77027.

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**Other Business**

We know of no other business that will be brought before the Annual General Meeting. Under the Company's By-laws, shareholders may only bring business before the Annual General Meeting if it is submitted to our Secretary within the time limits described above in the section entitled "Proposals by Shareholders". If any other matters are properly presented, the persons named on the enclosed proxy card will vote the shares represented by proxies as they deem advisable.

**Additional Information Available**

We have filed an Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2006 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A complete copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K is available on our website at [www.weatherford.com](http://www.weatherford.com). We also will provide a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K to any shareholder without charge upon written request. Copies of any exhibits to our Annual Report on Form 10-K also are available upon written request subject to a charge for copying and mailing. If you wish to obtain a paper copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K or have any other questions about us, please contact our Investor Relations Department in writing (515 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77027), by telephone (713) 693-4000 or visit our website.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Burt M. Martin  
*Secretary*

Houston, Texas  
April 26, 2007

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**Weatherford International Ltd.**

**Notice of 2007 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders**

**and Proxy Statement**

**May 30, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. (Houston time)**

**The St. Regis Hotel  
1919 Briar Oaks  
Houston, Texas**

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WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LTD.

**THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The undersigned shareholder of Weatherford International Ltd. ( Weatherford ) hereby appoints Burt M. Martin, or, failing him, Bernard J. Duroc-Danner, as proxy, each with full power of substitution, for the undersigned to vote the number of common shares of Weatherford that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Weatherford to be held on May 30, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., Houston time, at The St. Regis Hotel, 1919 Briar Oaks, Houston, Texas, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof, on the following matters that are more particularly described in the Proxy Statement dated April 26, 2007:

**(Continued and to be signed on the reverse side.)**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF  
WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LTD.**

**May 30, 2007**

Please date, sign and mail  
your proxy card in the  
envelope provided as soon  
as possible.

ê Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided. ê

**PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK  
YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE x**

**This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned  
shareholder. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH OF THE  
NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR LISTED UNDER PROPOSAL 1 WITH RESPECT TO WHOM NO  
DIRECTION IS MADE AND FOR PROPOSAL 2. If you wish to vote FOR all of the nominees for director and  
FOR Proposal 2, you need only sign, date and return your card without marking your vote.**

Receipt of the Proxy Statement dated April 26, 2007, and the Annual Report of Weatherford for the year ended  
December 31, 2006, is hereby acknowledged

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method.

1. Election of the following Nominees as Directors, as set forth in the Proxy Statement:

<b>NOMINEES:</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Nicholas F. Brady	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
William E. Macaulay	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
David J. Butters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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3. To consider and vote upon any other matter which may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof in the proxy's discretion.

Signature of  
shareholder

Date:

Signature of  
shareholder

Date:

**Note:** Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF  
WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LTD.  
May 30, 2007  
PROXY VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

**MAIL** - Date, sign and mail your proxy card in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

**-OR-**

**TELEPHONE** - Call toll-free **1-800-PROXIES** (1-800-776-9437) from any touch-tone telephone and follow the instructions. Have your proxy card available when you call.

**-OR-**

**INTERNET** - Access **www.voteproxy.com** and follow the on-screen instructions. Have your proxy card available when you access the web page.

**COMPANY NUMBER**

**ACCOUNT NUMBER**

You may enter your voting instructions at 1-800-PROXIES or [www.voteproxy.com](http://www.voteproxy.com) up until 11:59 PM Eastern Time the day before the cut-off or meeting date.

ê Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided **IF** you are not voting via telephone or the Internet. ê

**PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE x**

**This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned shareholder. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH OF THE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR LISTED UNDER PROPOSAL 1 WITH RESPECT TO WHOM NO DIRECTION IS MADE AND FOR PROPOSAL 2. If you wish to vote FOR all of the nominees for director and FOR Proposal 2, you need only sign, date and return your card without marking your vote.**

Receipt of the Proxy Statement dated April 26, 2007, and the Annual Report of Weatherford for the year ended

December 31, 2006, is hereby acknowledged

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method. o

1. Election of the following Nominees as Directors, as set forth in the Proxy Statement:

<b>NOMINEES</b>	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Nicholas F. Brady	o	o	o
William E. Macaulay	o	o	o
David J. Butters	o	o	o
Robert B. Millard	o	o	o
Bernard J. Duroc-Danner	o	o	o
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